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WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Mean Temperature—79.3 degrees.
Minimum Temperature—76 degrees.
Maximum Temperature—84 degrees.
Barometer—30.08 at 9 p. m.
Rainfall—.79 inches.
Mean Low Point for the Day—.66.
Mean Relative Humidity—64.

WINDS.

Forecast for Today.
Steady trade wind and clear sky.

WHEN you come to think over it, you can easily understand why so many prominent advertisers place their advertisements in The Honolulu Republican. They get proper display, proper rates and proper treatment—consequently they stick to us. We can take similar care of new patrons.

The greatest evil in the government of Hawaii today is its star-chamber methods, which the governor fosters and every department apes down to the cleaners of cuspidors.

The excellent rule of the Americans at Pago Pago seems destined to make that port the chief place in the Samoan Islands. With its excellent landlocked harbor, Pago Pago will in time become the port of call for the entire Samoan group.

The delegates to the republican convention from all the islands will demand township and county government. That much is certain already and it is quite likely that all the Territorial conventions will demand municipal and county governments.

Secret sessions of government officials open the door for suspicion of wrong doing even though none exists. No administration is pure enough to withstand the suspicions naturally thrown around it when it transacts the public business in secret and refuses to make known acts and communications which concern all the people.

It is rather significant, it seems to us, that the opposition to Mr. George D. Gear for judge of the Circuit court is led by a man who was a delegate to the democratic national convention at Kansas City. How do those gentlemen who call themselves republicans, who are opposing Mr. Gear, reconcile their political bedfellowship with this ardent supporter of Bryan?

Governor Dole's "executive council" and the secret doings of the same are furnishing splendid campaign material for the opponents of the republican party. If the republicans are defeated in Hawaii in the coming election the chief fault will rest upon the present territorial administration and its autocratic assumption of power never granted it by congress.

Hilo, too, furnishes evidence of how the Chinese fishermen are wantonly destroying the fish in our waters. Sheriff Andrews is interesting himself in this matter and he is to be commended for it. There is need of stringent legislation on the size of the meshes in fishing nets, and generally to regulate fishing in Hawaiian waters. The fish food will have to be protected or soon there will be none.

The Hilo Tribune, in speaking of Judge Estee's visit to Hilo, says: "Judge Estee is a typical American citizen, thoroughly democratic in manner though a republican in principle, and a most genial and interesting conversationalist. Judge Estee is a keen observer of men and things, and his comments upon certain phases of official character and official life in Hawaii are very much to the point."

If the native Hawaiians follow out the independent movement and nominate anti-naiole candidates in every legislative district as is now threatened, it will be largely, if not wholly, the fault of those so-called republicans of which the Advertiser is the exponent. A proper regard for the rights and amenities due the natives would have prevented any movement of this kind.

The death of the late H. F. Gibbs developed the fact that the territory maintains a watch on the governor. We suppose this is a relic of the past, but is it really a necessary expense these days? If it is, then Hawaii enjoys the distinction of being the only state or territory in the union where

such a precaution is necessary to protect the executive. The following from the Advertiser will cause the press and people of the mainland some surprise: "His (Gibbs) duty was that of guarding Governor Dole's house by night. He was a trusted man and great reliance was placed upon him to watch over the property and person of Mr. Dole as president of the Hawaiian republic and as governor of the territory."

Because the men now at the head of the republican party organization in this Territory are trying to win over the native voters to the party to which they rightfully belong, those so-called republicans of the Advertiser's clientele want to disrupt the republican party. They may succeed in causing the defeat of the party in the coming election, but if they do we warn them now that never again will they be allowed a voice in the party until they have made due repentance.

CLOSING OF THE POSTOFFICE.

The closing of the Honolulu postoffice all day yesterday, with the exception of one hour in the morning, was a rank injustice to the people of this community. With a mail from China and from the other islands, business men found the office closed with the exception of one hour in the morning and people coming down town to purchase stamps or secure money orders found both the stamp window and the money order office closed.

Why the postoffice, a United States government institution, should close on a Territorial holiday is not apparent. The Republican can only account for it upon the ground that the postmaster imagined that he was still conducting business under the Hawaiian republic instead of under the United States government. The only holidays recognized by the United States are New Year's, Washington's birthday, Memorial day, Fourth of July, Labor day, Thanksgiving day and Christmas, and such other days as may be specially designated by the president. The United States government does not recognize holidays made such by state or territorial enactment and the United States institutions, particularly the postoffice, do not close on such holidays.

People having mail to send on the Rio found themselves greatly inconvenienced yesterday by the closing of the postoffice. Notably was this so for those who wished to send to the States postoffice money orders or registered letters on the steamer which left here at 10 o'clock last night.

The banks remained open for the usual Saturday hours of from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. Why the postoffice should have been closed or what warrant in law there was for its closing, The Republican, as well as hundreds of others, would like to find out.

The Republican most heartily endorses the Star when it says "Our aim must be to establish the University of Hawaii." This is a grand thought and one worthy of careful consideration by all the people. Such an institution would be of untold advantage to the young Territory. A start can be made by the next legislature, out of which, in the course of a few years, a grand institution of learning will grow. The United States government now appropriates \$15,000 a year for the help and maintenance of agricultural colleges in the various states and territories. Many of the state universities have an agricultural department so that they come in for this appropriation under the guise of agricultural colleges. With a start made by the Territory, under a legislative appropriation, this aid from the government would go far towards maintaining a university in the early days of its existence. Let the start be made.

Do the gentlemen who are following in the wake of Mr. McChannahan, a leader of the local democracy, in their support of J. T. De Bolt for circuit judge, believe that the administration will appoint a man whose chief claim for distinction is the fact that his candidacy is fathered by a democrat? Or do they think the man whose candidacy is supported by the republican organization of the Territory will be the one to be appointed?

Hogs for Honolulu.

(Phoenix, Ariz., Republican, Aug. 31.) Thirteen cars, containing 1,472 hogs, were shipped out last evening over the M. & P. railroad. One car was shipped by John Orme to Los Angeles. Twelve carloads were the property of Edwards & Cameron of Newman, Cal., and were sent to San Francisco. This firm also ships largely to Honolulu, where 800 head of the present shipment will be sent. Last year they shipped 2,500 head to Honolulu from this valley and they say the Salt River valley hogs, for some reason not yet explained, went through in better shape than those purchased at any other point, their loss on the ship transportation being practically nothing.

Federal Appointments at Hilo.

Judge Estee appointed T. C. Ridgway as commissioner in bankruptcy and Carl S. Smith as United States commissioner at Hilo.

The Lounger.

For some time The Republican has been publishing the weather report furnished by Professor Curtis J. Lyons. Professor Lyons has been taking weather observations in these islands for the last eighteen years. He is the recognized authority on meteorological matters in Hawaii. Perhaps it is not generally known that there are but two men in this Territory who are capable of compiling an almanac for Hawaii. These gentlemen are Professor Lyons and Professor W. D. Alexander.

There has never been a table compiled of the twelve calendar months, giving the tides, sun and moon, in Hawaii and printed in almanac form; that is, no actual compilation. The expense of compiling and printing such a work would be considerable, and both Professor Lyons and Professor Alexander have felt chary about undertaking such labor and incurring the expense of publication, lest the work should not receive sufficient encouragement to pay for even the cost of printing.

An almanac for Hawaii, accurately compiled, would be an invaluable work. The present importance of the islands makes an almanac an absolute necessity. If sufficient support, self-sustaining support, cannot be obtained for its publication, what is the matter with the government assisting the work? If the government can appropriate money for making and maintaining a display at the Paris exposition it seems to me that it might render a little aid in the publication of a Hawaiian almanac.

The action taken by Judge Humphreys in disallowing a bill for wine, cigars, cigarettes and cards furnished jurors will be commended by every citizen who believes in good government. People are taxed, and taxed heavily, especially the poor, for the support of the government, for the maintenance of law and order and the peace of society. Now, why should the poor white and the poor Hawaiian contribute their mite for the furnishing of wine, cigars, cigarettes and cards to jurors who had the lives of two unfortunate men in their hands?

In certain circles there has been a great cry made against municipal government for Honolulu. "It will increase taxation!" shout those opposed to the introduction of an American form of government here. "It will change the old order of things!" they cry.

Well, isn't it about time that the old order of things was changed? Under the old regime, that is, when men selected by the family compact were on the bench, they approved of bills for furnishing jurors with cigars, cigarettes and cards and even baths!

Ah, yes, those were days of cordial relations. But let me be more specific. During a murder trial a holiday was declared. The jurors hired a 'bus, went to Walkiki, disported in the surf, dined and dined, and said, "Charge." It was charged and a circuit judge approved of the bill, and the taxpayers paid it, too! Unfortunately, these jurors while bathing encountered no voracious sharks or conger eels.

What the people want as well as municipal government is officials in office who recognize that they are the servants and not the masters of the people; servants who will work for the interests of the people; who know an infraction of the law from a compound fracture of the humerus.

Now, what did the jurors in the Barney case want one dollar's worth of cards for? Did they play games of seven-up, double Pedro, whist, pokker or hearts to decide whether they should bring in a verdict of murder or manslaughter?

"Do I know Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, who has just succeeded in interviewing Li Hung Chang of three-eyed peacock feather and yellow-jacket notoriety? Well, I guess I do! I had an experience with Joaquin Miller seven years ago that makes me shudder when I think of it."

The speaker was J. H. Black, a veteran printer.

After many pressing invitations Black told me the following story: "It was during what you might call our incipient revolution, but let me tell you," and Black stroked his whisker, "times were turbulent. I was a member of the Citizens' Guard on duty at the police station under Marshal Hitchcock. There was a lookout in the cupola of the place to watch the surrounding country."

"Well, the lookout reported that some one was walking rapidly along on the brow of the ridge this side of Mo'kanea."

"Black," said Hitchcock, "you jump into a hack and go out and fetch that man in dead or alive. If he refuses to halt when you command him to do so, fire, and fire to kill!"

"I had a tough climb after leaving the hack. I was armed with an old Springfield. It was loaded and my cartridge belt was filled with cartridges. These things made me feel courageous, although I am not naturally a timid man."

"I got within halting distance of the man. He was about five feet, ten and a half inches in height, roughly dressed. His trousers were tucked into his boots. He wore a slouch hat and his beard and hair were long and unkempt. He looked like a buccaneer from the South Seas. 'Zounds!' I muttered, 'here's a tough cuss,' and I clutched my rifle nervously."

"I want you!" I shouted, bringing up my gun almost horizontally.

"The man never said a word, but continued to walk briskly."

"Halt!" I shouted, bringing up my gun, 'or I'll shoot!'"

"Shoot and be damned!" said the man, turning and walking toward me.

"It was a challenge. He wasn't more than fifty yards away, yet something whispered within me and said, 'Don't shoot this man!'"

"The rough-dressed, rough-appear-

ing fellow with awkward stride approached. "What's the matter?" he inquired, mildly.

"I told him that I had been sent out to arrest him."

"Well," said he, slowly, "that's a damned sight pleasanter than killing a man."

"He went with me to the station, where he told me he was. He was shortly released."

"I have often thought what direful results would have followed if I had shot Joaquin Miller. Say, no man should fool with a loaded gun, not even during a revolution in the Hawaiian Islands."

It will be a great relief when the rapid transit people get their line in operation. There is probably no feature of life in Honolulu so much behind the times and so universally hated and heartily denounced as the Trams-ways Company. I have had all sorts of experiences in traveling on the line, but had a new one the other night, when I found the entire line was tied up for forty-five minutes. The cause could not be learned at the time, but a driver next day informed me that it was occasioned by a worn-out mule falling down and refusing to get up from the track. And I couldn't blame the mule, considering that two of the little mites of mules have, besides the heavy car, from thirty-one to sixty-four people at a trip. Among the "ha-beens" of Honolulu that ought to go, the foremost is the present street car system.

Have you been to the fish market lately and noticed how the fish meats and vegetables are handled there? No? Then don't go there, if you are compelled to eat things that are bought there. Ice and protection against flies and mosquitos, which may be loaded with disease germs, are the exception. Fish, liver, pork and other meats are often covered with swarms of flies, certainly tainting much that is sold for food, if not absolutely poisoning much of it. The United States recently gave the teachers of the schools of Cuba an excursion to Boston, with a six or seven weeks summer school at Harvard, and then showed them New York, Washington and Philadelphia. It was a great object lesson in republican principles and methods. It would be a good idea if these fish market merchants could be shown through some of the markets of the mainland to get an idea how fish and meats are handled and absorb some conception of cleanliness in an institution of this sort—within the stalls, I mean.

I dropped into one of the banks yesterday, when there was a lull in office, and found a teller and his assistant playing an exciting game of checkers. Some one had removed the "wooden men," but the resourceful bankers were equal to the occasion. One moved nickels and the other five-dollar gold pieces. It looked somewhat odd, but it went all right.

Queer animal is man. This thought is suggested anew by the actions of Puueo, the native who some time ago killed his wife and then cut his own throat, only to be saved by the skill of surgeons. He is now in the penitentiary awaiting trial. It seems he had a button bearing his wife's image. Somehow this button was lost and now there is no peace for Jailer Henry or any one about the prison. It is Puueo's one trouble. His bed and his food do not worry him. His impending trial for his life is no concern to him, but the portrait of the woman he cruelly murdered is everything. Truly, man is strangely compounded.

THE LOUNGER.

What Strange Things We Hear.

(From the Advertiser.)

Word comes from George Manson that a San Francisco journalist named Laughlin is about to take his departure for Honolulu to assume the editorship of The Republican. It is reported about town that E. Towse is also a candidate for the position.

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